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GOULD'S TRAMPLES OVER THORNTON

Last Saturday evening the Gould's boys trounced Thornton Academy to the tune of 51 to 24. Gould's got the jump on the visitors and held a comfortable lead throughout the game.

Capt. "Mad" Berry played a remarkable game of team work and led his team with six door goals. W. Berry laid in 12 fouls. Goddard, Keniston and C. Swan played a fine game adding greatly to the work of the Gould's boys. Gould's had 18 fouls called on them to Thornton's 19.

Coach Mapes of Thornton considers Gould's the best team that his men have played this season.

GOULD'S	G	P	Points
W. Berry, Jr.	4	12	0
Thurston, Jr.	0	0	0
Goddard, Jr.	2	7	11
M. Berry, Jr.	0	5	17
E. Swan, Jr.	0	0	0
C. Swan, Jr.	0	0	0
Keniston, Jr.	1	1	1
Sweeney, Jr.	0	0	0
Totals,	13	25	51
THORNTON	G	P	Points
Neal, Jr.	2	3	0
Worthington, Jr.	2	0	0
Hansen, Jr.	1	2	4
Lavallee, Jr.	1	0	2
Barnes, Jr.	0	1	0
Courtis, Jr.	0	0	0
Plasham, Jr.	2	0	0
Abbott, Jr.	1	0	0
Brownlee, Jr.	0	0	0
Chadbourne, Jr.	0	0	0
Totals,	9	6	24

Time—10's. Referee, Bartlett. Timer, H. Mason. Scorers, Brasier and Mapes.

Gould's will play Gorham Normal School in the William Bingham Gymnasium, Saturday, March 1st. This is the last home game of the season scheduled for the Gould's boys, and also undoubtedly the hardest game yet for the boys to handle. Gorham Normal has already trounced Westbrook High twice and has included many of the leading teams in Western Maine in its string of victories for the season. Gould's won from Gorham Normal at Gorham in the last second of play the score being 23 to 22. The Gorham quintet is out for revenge and Bethel fans will have the opportunity of seeing two of the fastest and cleanest playing teams of the State in action Saturday night. The Gould's boys have developed remarkable skill in hitting the basket, Goddard and the Berry brothers being especially proficient in this art; while Keniston and Swan are a combination of guards that have given the leading teams of Maine and New Hampshire a great deal to think about during the season. With Dan Berry just getting into his regular form on team work and the remarkable recent development of the entire team on offense it would seem that Gould's is capable of giving the Gorham boys their money's worth. Season tickets may be used for this game.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

At its meeting last Saturday afternoon the town Budget Committee advised the following appropriations:

Common schools,	\$10,000.00
Secondary schools,	6,000.00
Textbooks,	350.00
Repairs for schoolhouses,	1,000.00
Supplies for schools,	330.00
Roads and bridges,	6,000.00
Winter roads,	1,500.00
State aid road,	665.00
Maintenance and patrol,	910.00
Milton road,	400.00
Support of poor,	1,300.00
Town officers,	2,600.00
Town debt and interest,	1,435.00
Memorial Day,	30.00
Collector's bond,	10.00
Treasurer's bond,	25.00
Public Library,	40.00
National Guard road,	225.00
Miscellaneous,	500.00
Sunday River road repairs,	500.00

DIED

In Haverhill, Feb. 9, 1924
Mr. J. Gardner Roberts, age 75 years,
2 months, died at his home, of bright's
disease. Funeral at his home Tuesday,
Feb. 12.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

There will be a Democratic caucus im-
mediately following Town Meeting in
the Schoolhouse's office next Monday.

To the Voters of Bethel:
I am a candidate for tax collector at
the coming March meeting, and ask re-
tentionally your support.

KATHLEEN STEARNS

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

PLUNGING UNCLE SAM
When Edward L. Doheny concluded his little deal with former Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall, he boasted that he would make \$100,000,000 out of oil leases. Doheny admitted this boast before the Senate investigating committee, but explained that some of his friends disagreed with him at the time and told him that "he had picked a lemon."

In the last principal scandal, previous to this one, involving the alleged plan of Uncle Sam the Guggenheim interests were accused of "raiding Alaska." Secretary Ballinger was driven from office, and his reputation at the finish was not a great deal better than Fall's.

It is both instances the public rights used for private exploitation involved underground riches—oil, coal and minerals. Just what the Guggenheims might have developed in Alaska if their plans had been carried through, is problematical. A great many people believe that Alaska's greatest misfortune was the withdrawal of the Guggenheims.

No one is going to arise to agree that the Doheny and Sinclair prize packages contained lemons.

THE N. P. LAND GRANT

Another chapter in the story of the alleged plundering of Uncle Sam concerns the demand of the United States Service to prevent the Northern Pacific Railroad Company from acquiring an additional three million acres of public lands, claimed under its original land grants.

The building of the transcontinental railroads was so hazardous an undertaking that the early Congresses thought they were "handing a lemon" to the railroad interests when they voted them millions of acres of land as an inducement to penetrate the mysterious Western country. These early railroad empire builders laid their tracks for two thousand miles, starting at hope and ending at dreamland. In each case the Government voted a land grant, and the millions of acres of land had no value at the time they were turned over to the railroads. The Government proved it's sense of humor when it restricted the railroads to keep the price of these lands under \$2.50 an acre.

The Forest Service says that the Northern Pacific spent \$70,000,000 in constructing its railroad. If American financiers at the time this road was built had not been the most dare-devil plunger in all history seventy millions of dollars could never have been gotten together for this task; while Keniston and Swan are a combination of guards that have given the leading teams of Maine and New Hampshire a great deal to think about during the season. With Dan Berry just getting into his regular form on team work and the remarkable recent development of the entire team on offense it would seem that Gould's is capable of giving the Gorham boys their money's worth. Season tickets may be used for this game.

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RECITAL AND DANCE

The pupils of Miss Norris, who has been conducting dancing classes at Orange Hall for the past few weeks, will give a recital and dance at Orange Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 29, at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 cents plus war tax. The following program will be presented:

1. Fox Trot.

2. Waltz.

3. 1924 Fox Trot.

4. Schubert Waltz.

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POLISH PATRIOT WRITES OF VISIT

Impressed by the great industrial development, the cooperation in civic life, and the boundless good fellowship in America, Gen. Joseph Haller, noted Polish patriot who was the guest of the American Legion while in the United States, has returned to his native land.

In a letter to National Commander John H. Quinn of the Legion, the great Polish warrior said that his pleasure in his visit was unbounded and was an experience that he would always recall because of the association with his former comrades of the World war who had fought under the American flag.

General Haller's visit began early in October and continued until a few days before Christmas. His tour started with a visit to the White House and a visit to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington across the continent to San Francisco, where he received highest honors at the hands of the American Legion. As the official guest of the organization, he was presented with the American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, worn only by two Americans and by but four others—Marshal Poch of France, Admiral Beatty of England, General Jacques of Belgium, General Diaz of Italy.

Back across the nation with a party of representative Legion men spent the great Polish patriot to visit nearly all of America's greatest cities where he was greeted by members of that organization. Polish colonists and many officials, statesmen and prominent persons.

Before his departure, General Haller expressed his deep satisfaction at the welfare of the city, and deeply thanked the American Legion for the opportunity to see the nation. His aid in his letter:

"What has given me the greatest pleasure has been the evidence on every hand that the American soldier who readily gave up his peaceful pursuits to don the uniform of his proud country and help put down oppression in Europe so quickly returned to the industrial and commercial operations following the signing of the armistice. I have noted the happy homes, the contentment and the prosperity of these liberty-loving and unwavering folk. It has been a constant inspiration to me. The efforts of the many Legion posts, the officials of the organizations are all enthused in my heart."

British Anxious to Be Legion Member

Harold Hall, a veteran of the British Royal Engineers, who served on every British battle front from Messina to the Dardanelles, is looking forward to acceptance of his application by the American Legion. Hall was one of the first to learn of the new rules made by the Legion at the fifth annual convention, which permits those who served with allied armies who were at the time citizens of the United States or later became naturalized, to affiliate with the Legion.

Hall is a resident of Minneapolis, and applied for naturalization papers following his arrival in this city in January, 1928. His next step was to make application for Legion membership, but was told that he would be forced to wait until completion of naturalization requirements. He declares that every American World war veteran should await自然化 of the opportunity to affiliate with the Legion.

Canada Would Have Legion Convention

Montreal voted to entertain a national convention of the American Legion members to an invitation sent by national headquarters of the veterans organization through Legion of Canada, Canada.

The invitation was extended by Major Morris of Montreal, who declared that the representatives of the former colonies of the British empire would give great pleasure to citizens of his country, as well as advancing a means for more easily linking the powers of the two nations.

The invitation was accepted in time for consideration, however, as the Legion convention for 1934 had already been set for St. Paul, Minn., on December 1-3. Canadian veterans, however, urged action to postpone the 1934 date, but the invitation was rejected by the national headquarters.

Major Morris, leader of the Canadian division in the World war, and now making his home in Ottawa as department commander of the American Legion in Mississippi, says that the Legion can become the nerve body of any American Legion division. "The American Legion has received a high vote of confidence, especially from the British," he said.

"Just as soon as you see the new Legionnaires—men who are now the sons of the purpose of the organization to be tested everywhere that they will be every man and every woman will you have the motivation and backing of all your fellow Legionnaires."

Mem. Test. In a series of contributions submitted, the three members called upon to test the colored specimens.

"We find a blue line," says "the one we found, or nothing; the one we found no color. This place is said to have originated from one Hobart, a very old Englishman of Cheshire, England, who claimed such evidence regarding the line of a horse, as right the next

ASKED AND ANSWERED**ANNOUNCEMENT**

This is a big new feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send in your questions, and address them to U. S. Press Association, Congressional Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Enclose two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include medical, legal, courtship and marital questions, or expect attention to matters requiring extensive research. Mention this paper when you write.

Q. Can you furnish me a list of counties in North Carolina that are a County Manager? To what extent is this form of county management used, and is it a success?

There is no county management in North Carolina, nor so far as investigations disclose anywhere else in the United States. The Legislature of Massachusetts has recently made it possible for its counties to adopt the system and the matter is now up in Silver Bow County, which contains the city of Butte. Steps were taken in the direction of county management in Westchester County, New York, but they were faltering and failing footsteps. A similar attempt was made in Maryland to include the county in which Baltimore is located. But it did not go through. Alameda County and Los Angeles County, California, were bitten by the County Manager notion, but they did not carry it through. A cursory investigation of this subject following the receipt of the above interesting question discloses the fact that students and advocates of civic and political improvements regard the structure of county government as "ramshackle," and one of the suggestions for improvement has been to adopt the County manager who would function in about the same way as city managers are now doing. The claim that the present form of county government is not democratic because it is in the hands of the chosen few seems to be rather inconsistently met with a proposal that would further reduce the management to one individual. The form of County commissioners, usually made up of three officials is quite common throughout the United States. Many States and towns prefer to enact boards of supervisors, even though from the point of view it is more democratic than the supervisor system.

Q. What kind of points about our most heat?

The United States Bureau of Mines says that the results of the investigations show that a coating of about one part, applied to underside of a plate of sheet iron, results only 25 to 30 per cent as much heat radiation as a white paint, vitreous enamel or other non-metallic surface. Alumina paint applied to the outside of an automobile top or other dark "artificial leather" covering reduced the radiation from the underside by 50 per cent; applied to the underside of tent it reduced 50 to 65 per cent of the heat radiated from the underside.

Q. Who discovered the electric bell? The first bell sounded by electric current was produced by Joseph Henry, a teacher in Albany Academy, in 1831.

Q. What are the peculiarities of the North American garter, as compared to other water fowl?

According to Dr. Alexander Wetmore, speaking for the Bureau of Biological Survey, the garter must be cocked pectoral or flippers, according to their sex, as it has been found that male water fowl eat great quantities of the roe feathers, dance on the water and hold the world championship for diving qualities. Post mortem examinations held by biological scientists confirm the fact that the stomachs of many specimens revealed masses of feathers mingled with the remains of carbohydrates. Garter take their nests in piles of drooping vegetation and shallow water. The eggs almost lie in the water, the floating the droplets among plants and no nests.

Q. What effect does lime water have on milk?

An effort to find some scientific basis for the use of lime water in milk shows that there is little beyond tradition in the belief. Lime water is a mild alkaline solution, the effect of which on milk is probably due to dilution if that is changed it chemically. A mild acid

Q. What effect does the fire of the United States impose? What effect does it have on the insurance carriers? What effect will it allow him to get from the White House?

The President's estate is \$200,000 up to addition on which he is allowed \$7,000 a year for traveling expenses and there is a further allowance of \$1000 for maintenance and operation of the White House.

Q. What is the role of the two of us in the organization?

According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, qualities made are used to indicate all direct qualities, as in the following sentence: "When I am dead," said one of the heroes of modern times, "say a prayer for my soul, for I was a soldier in the war for the freedom of humanity." These and poor people should be placed within the closing quotation marks; qualities and qualities, without. The interlocutor, poor and unfortunate, should be placed within the quotation marks when part of the quotation; otherwise, outside.

Q. Who used the phrase, "Everyone comes up to the edge of hell and looks over?"

The authorship is hardly worth looking up but it may be properly charged to Mr. Hobart.

Q. What is the origin of the expression "Hobart's choice?"

A choice without an alternative; that which is demanded, or nothing; the one thing or none. This phrase is said to have originated from one Hobart, a very old Englishman of Cheshire, England, who claimed such evidence regarding the line of a horse, as right the next

in turn, or that which stood nearest the stable door.

Q. What is gluten and what does it come from?

It is a tough, elastic substance of a grayish color, which becomes brown and brittle by drying, and is found in the flour of wheat and other grains. It contributes much of the nutritive quality of flour, and gives tensile strength to its paste. A similar substance is found in the juices of certain plants.

Q. How is common salt obtained?

Common salt is obtained from evaporation of spring and sea water, also from mines, our supply of salt obtained by evaporation comes chiefly from Michigan and New York, mined salt from Louisiana and Kansas.

Q. Please advise me where one can get information as to concerning construction of one's own radio?

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Q. How many telephone calls are made yearly in the United States?

General Party, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, gives the answer as nineteen billion calls.

Q. What is the amount of the corn crop of merchantable quality for 1933?

How many bushels of corn were produced in 1933?

The merchantable corn crop for 1933, according to the United States Department of Agriculture was 2,532,000,000 bushels. The production of corn for 1933 is stated by the Department to have been 2,654,000,000 bushels.

Q. Who is the author of "America, the Beautiful"?

The words are by Katherine Lee Bates. As there is some question about the title the first two lines are repeated. They are:

"O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain."

Q. When was the Colombian Treaty ratified and what was its nature? How did oil get mixed up in it as indicated by the request of the Senate for the diplomatic correspondence?

The Colombian Treaty was ratified April 11, 1921. Under it the United States Government paid \$23,000,000 to the Government of Colombia. This great cost of the acts of former President Roosevelt getting a clear title to the isthmus of Panama for the building of the Canal. In urging the adoption of the resolution to compensate Columbia for the loss of the Canal, the Senate was informed that the oil was not included in the original bill.

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Q. What is the longest electrified railway in the United States?

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway is an electrified project for 850 miles of its main line, which makes it not only the longest electrified line in the United States but also in the world. Its electrical power is generated at the Great Falls dam in Montana, and it drives its trains across the Rocky Mountains.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinabove named.

At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four. The following debtors having been presented for the action therupon hereinbefore indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published at Belgrade, in said County, that they appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1924, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

William D. Mills late of Bethel, deceased; will and testament probated, and his executors appointed by Emma F. Mills as executrix of the same to act without bond presented by Emma F. Mills, the executors of the same, Agnes H. Stratton late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by H. H. Hastings, executor.

Boz. S. Jones of Hanover, a minor; first and final account presented for allowance by Arthur G. Howe, guardian.

Helen M. Staples late of Hanover, deceased; final account presented for allowance by Harry A. Staples, administrator.

Hermon Bumpus late of Oxford, deceased; petition that Eugene B. Holden or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased presented by Susie Bumpus, widow.

Witness, Arietta E. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

Albert D. Park, Register.

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NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the will of Sarah R. Blodget, late of Gilead in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are directed to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

HENRY H. HASTINGS, Bethel, Maine

February 21, 1924

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UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

Baltimore, Md.

Assets Dec. 31, 1923

Real Estate, \$4,774,712.89

Mortgage Loans, 31,700.00

Collateral Loans, 34,128.25

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ER, No. 102, G. H.
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AH LODGE, No. 64,
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Emily Forbes, N. G.;
Secretary.

E, No. 22, K. of P.,
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No. 84, G. A. B.,
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BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending Feb. 23, 1924

BRIGHTON LIVE STOCK AND BOG-
TON WESTERN DRESSED MEATS

Hog receipts moderate, market steady,
demand light. Bulk of hams \$7.50-\$8.00.

Butcher cattle receipts moderate, market

\$6.00-\$8.00; bulls \$2.00-\$4.00; calves and

cattle cows and heifers \$2.50-\$2.75.

Receipts of veal were normal, market

about steady, demand light. Veal weight

selling at \$6.00-\$7.50. Heifers \$12.00-\$14.50 per 100 lbs. Receipts of

lamb limited, market very quiet, demand

light. Choice \$10.00-\$12.00, good \$12.00-\$

14.00, medium \$10.50-\$12.00 and common

\$12.00-\$12.50 per 100 lbs. Fresh Beef:

Beefsteaks moderate, market steady, to the

lower demand light. Choice steaks \$14.50-\$

15.00, good \$14.00-\$14.50 and green

\$10.00-\$10.50 per 100 lbs. Veal receipts

normal, market steady, demand light.

Veal weight selling at \$6.00-\$7.50. Heifers

\$12.00-\$14.50 per 100 lbs. Fresh

Lamb receipts moderate, market steady,

to the lower demand light. Choice lamb

\$14.50-\$15.00 and green

\$10.00-\$10.50 per 100 lbs. Picnics

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Higher prices on New York State cab-

bage, California lettuce and Delaware

sweet potatoes were the features of the

weekly trading in shipped-in fruits and

vegetables on the local jobbing market.

New York Danish onions, cabbage closed

25 higher at \$2.25 per 100 lbs. and

25.50 per barrel. Florida new stock

was steady at \$1.75-\$2.00 per 100 lbs.

and \$1 per crate, while Texas new

stock sold slowly at \$2.00-\$2.25 per

crate and strawberries ranged 40-50 per

quart. Peppers and eggplant were dull

respectively, per crate.

Northern onions were unchanged at \$2.00-

2.25 per 100 lbs. bag according to size and

quality. Delaware sweet potatoes closed

25-30 higher at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. ham-

ers. New carrots and beets from Texas

25 per bushel, respectively.

California iceberg lettuce strengthened to

around 24 per crate or 200 heads.

Texas spinach was unchanged, closing at

\$1.25-\$1.75 per 100 lbs. basket. Florida cal-

culi moved very slowly at \$2.00-\$2.25 per

crate and strawberries ranged 40-50 per

quart. Peppers and eggplant were dull

respectively, per crate.

Northwestern onions are held

almost entirely at auction, with the few

street sales at \$2.25 per box on midweek

to large extra fancy whiteons. New York

and N. E. A. Baldwin's moved slowly

at a range of \$1.75 per barrel. Florida

oranges and grapefruit sold at auction at

prices ranging \$2.00-\$3.00 per box.

John W. McGrath, private secretary

to Theodore Roosevelt after the lat-

ter had retired as President, is dead

at Newton Centre, Mass. Besides be-

ing secretary to Col. Roosevelt from

1912 to 1916, Mr. McGrath was well

known as a newspaperman, banker and

president of the Intergrate Fish

Corporation, with offices in Boston and

Gloster. He was a famous hockey

player and official.

Department officers of the Veterans

of Foreign Wars in session in Water-

bury, Ct. discussed plans for the de-

partment encampment to be held in

June. The date will be fixed by the

Department Council of Administration at

that June 6, 7 and 8 will be decided upon.

They are looking to the future in

Vermont. It's going to be a quiet

Fourth of July next, all over the

state. No more explosions of fire-

works, no more aquiles, no more ser-

pins or rockets will be exploded and

heard, and even toy pistols with the

insignificant little percussion caps

will not be permitted. It's going to

be a quiet Fourth—just as quiet as the

quietest Sundays.

The board of trustees of Middle-

bury, N. H. college has sanctioned

the appointment of a special commit-

tee by President Paul D. Moody to

outline an extensive 10-year athletic

program. This program will require

the outlay of between \$100,000 and

\$150,000 and will include the enlarge-

ment of gymnasium facilities and

equipment and the development of

every phase of athletics and physical

education.

John T. Sherratt, former selectman

and member of several govern-

ing boards of the town of Dart-

mouth, Mass., went to the home of his

friend, Capt. Fred Smith, at Russell's

Mills, Mass., took a shotgun down

from over the kitchen shelf, went out

back of a henhouse and blew his head

off. Mr. Sherratt, who had been in a

sanitarium for a year was about to be

committed again, having suffered an-

other derangement.

Inability of Maine farmers to meet

advance in the price of farming imple-

ments, fertilizers, living costs, and es-

pecially the price of labor are the

main reasons for the steady decrease

in livestock throughout the state dur-

ing the past 16 years. This is the view

of Clement G. Peterson, who, as

chairman of the board of state assess-

ors, has been in close touch with the

agricultural situation for seven years,

and who previous to that time was a

practical farmer himself. The report

of the board of state assessors for the

year 1923 shows a total of 237,231 cat-

als owned in the state, a

ROUND WORLD IN AN AUTOMOBILE



The American Captain Wunderwell, his secretary and two chauffeurs are making a trip around the world in two autos. The trip began on Sept. 22, 1919, from Atlanta, Ga. Captain Wunderwell, who has been through 23 lands, is now in Bethel. He is said to have made a huge bet in America that he would go all round the world without taking a penny of money with him or having any sent from home. He also does not accept any money from any auto manufacturers. He, with his companions, is to work his way round the globe.

SOME CAUSES FOR STARTER TROUBLE

In Case of Failure Battery Is First Thing to Suspect

Test Acid Solution.

BY ERWIN GRIFFIN, President Green College of Automotive Engineering, Cleveland.

To every amateur owner or interloper there comes the unpleasant experience of stepping on the starter button and finding the motor still of turning gears, being greeted by stern silence. It is amazingly remarkable that this occurs. Indeed the wonder is that the starter holds up as well as it does under the stress that it receives at the hands of the average car owner.

The starter system embodies the following parts: A storage battery, the cables that connect the battery with the rest of the system, a switch for bringing the starter into action and in a general sense, the frame of the car, which is used to receive the current to the battery when it has turned over the engine.

Starter Battery First.
In case of starter trouble the first thing to suspect is the battery, which supplies the current that operates the starter. Once a week during the active running season the battery must be tested to level with distilled water. The acid solution should be tested at those times with a hydrometer, showing the specific gravity of the solution. If this has fallen below 1.260 the battery is away below charge and soon will recharge without delay. If the battery is permitted to become dry or to fall so low in charge that it cannot turn over the starter the cause of the failure is at once revealed.

The next likely to suspect are the cables that connect the battery with the switch by way of the switch. While the trouble here is not so frequent, nevertheless insulation may wear through certain接点 that damp the battery and prevent the starter from doing its work effectively, also the switch goes out of sequence and if the battery is forced to move adequate current and the cables are all right, assume the cables are at fault.

Loss of Lubrication.
Assume the starter motor itself goes out of existence through defective failure or lack of lubrication. The cause is either to grease to abundant from the engine oil can and get a small oil hole in the cover. This may be lubricating to accomplish but the oil will sometimes drop off and away from the bearing and the bearing will be tight because the oil is gone.

The fourth and most common of the causes of starters not working is the fact that the contact points operate. In this case the first time to suspect the trouble is a short time of 20 seconds after the connection with the motor is made.

It may be the contact points of the starters themselves are not clean enough to allow the contact points to operate. In this case the first time to suspect the trouble is a short time of 20 seconds after the connection with the motor is made.

STEERING ARMS CRUISE WEAR

One Reason Is That Wheels Are Not True, Especially When the Car Is Turned.

One reason for assumed wear on front arms due to the wheels not being true especially when the car is turned is because the steering arms, extending from handle to the rod, have been bent from a hard surface or road, hence at time the car road over, or by some other starting reason. However, the wheels will not turn as the same direction when one or both of them are sprung.

SOME KNOW DETAILS OF CARING FOR CAR

"Do It Yourself" Knowledge Lags Because of Stations.

How about tracing out trouble in the electrical circuits in your car, or correcting the timing of the motor, or grinding the valves? Could you do these things if either were necessary to an emergency?

Most garage men, and they are to you, believe, believe that you are to be congratulated on your knowledge if you are one of the old-timers who can do any of these things.

The long and short of it seems to be that the substantial construction of the car and its parts and the frequency of service stations makes all this "do it yourself" knowledge superfluous. The up-to-date driver, instead of leading up the memory with a mass of details, remembers only a few items of routine care—things that he must do to keep the car running smoothly and continuously. It is this sort of information that the industry has made popular.

Hardly a day goes by in any garage or service station without their noting the effect of the educational work that has been done by the accessory manufacturers and car builders during the past few years. The storage battery in particular has received an unusual amount of attention.

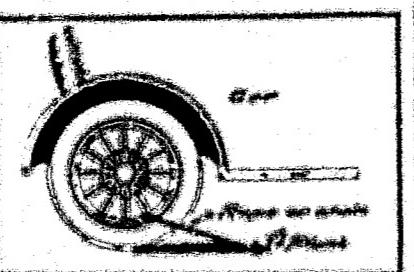
There can be little doubt that the car owner owes a good deal of his satisfaction to the efforts of the manufacturer and his representatives, who have taught him what to do to keep each part of his car in prime condition.

GETTING AUTO OUT OF MUD

Device Made of Plant Four Feet Long and One Foot Wide Is Useful in Emergency.

The Farm Journal is illustrating and describing a device to get a car out of mud hole, the invention of Robert H. Stoddard of Ossipee, says:

"A device for getting the car out of the mud under its own power can



Getting Car Out of Mud Hole.

Because from a park about four feet long, one foot wide and one foot thick. A chain is fastened to the corners of each end when laid flat on the ground where the car is stuck the straight end of the spikes should be driven into the ground. It also helps to lay the mud on top of the spikes and weight down.

This device is not built especially for getting out of mud holes but is one of the easiest and most effective ways to do it.

TROUBLE LAMP OF ODD TYPE

So Constructed That It Can Be Made to Adhere to Any Iron Part of Automobile.

No automobile lamp to be wished is a trouble lamp, and often when he has one the trouble is difficult to trace. It was about 1912 that at the cost of the trouble while his trucks are navigating with reefs. The newest type of trouble lamp has an electric socket in the base, which is energized when the lamp is ignited, making it possible to attach it to any of the iron parts of the car.

Starting Made Easier.

There are two classes when starting Motor cars to have the right and comfortable gear, because the engine must be a heavy load on the motor.

WEST PARIS

J. W. Welch is very ill with pneumonia. Miss Dora Williams, B. N., is assisting in caring for him by George Jackson.

Mrs. Freeman Whitman is quite ill. G. A. Smith is in Portland Monday to attend the auto show.

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes officiated at a funeral in Turner, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton L. Swift were given a variety shower at the home of Mr. Swift's daughter, Mrs. Annie Emery, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Swift received a good number of presents. The company numbering about 45 were entertained with music, recitations and cards.

Mrs. C. L. Ridlon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold Dunham, at Brattleboro, Vt.

Miss Beatrice Davis spent the week end at her home.

Mrs. Agnes Gray spent the week end at her camp, Look's Mill. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jacobs were guests Saturday evening and enjoyed fishing through the ice.

Harold G. Churchill passed away at his home on Churchill Hill Sunday evening. Mr. Churchill was the oldest man in town and had possessed the Post gold headed cane since the death of Silas Maxim. Mr. Churchill was blind and had been confined to his bed for two years, but was in the same condition as usual during the day, passing away after eating his supper. He was the son of Josiah and Rachel (Curtis) Churchill, and was born in Woodstock, Feb. 14, 1828. He was the grandson of Revolutionary soldier, Asaph Churchill. He married Dorcas Elizabeth Curtis of Woodstock, who passed away Dec. 22, 1923, at the age of 88. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill lived to pass their 60th wedding anniversary. After their marriage they lived in Woodstock for a few years, but came to West Paris more than sixty years ago. He built the home where he resided until his death, and for many years was the village shoemaker. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Churchill: Mrs. Claude Richardson, who has cared for them for the past three years, and Stella, who died six years ago. There are five grandchildren: Florence Richardson, who has assisted her mother in caring for them; Alfred Richardson, Dixfield; Herbert Richardson, Berlin, N. H.; Mrs. Mabel Potman of Peru, and Robert Churchill of Jay, also six great grandchildren. He was a Methodist, a Republican in politics, and member of Boyce's Pond Orange. The funeral was held from the Methodist Chapel Wednesday afternoon. Rev. H. F. Allard officiated. The remains were placed in the tomb to await burial in the family lot in West Paris cemetery.

If H. Wardwell and E. J. Mane, members of the school building committee, attended the dedication of the West Paris High School building.

Mrs. Clara Karen Merrill of Somerville, Mass., has been a guest of relatives in town recently.

The services Sunday morning at the Universalist church were a "Memorial of Woodrow Wilson." A large audience was in attendance. The singing was in harmony with the services. The favors in memory of Mr. Wilson were sung. Earl Fallay sang, "The City Poor"; Mrs. Jeanie Bates and Miss Edna Richardson sang a duet at the close of the service, "Home Day We'll Understand."

Earl Bates had the misfortune to get hit by a rock in the eye when working at Alfred Perkins' fieldwork shop. No permanent injury to the eye is expected.

Our tributes has been the news of much activity the past week. Dr. Webber operated on Mrs. Bert Young, Pittsfield, and also on the little son of Mr. Richardson of Stratton Hill. Dr. Roseland assisted Dr. Webber, and Dr. Bennett. Mrs. James Warren's son, who served the parents, Mrs. Ruth Perkins, who is taking post-anesthesia study for her son's recovery, was near camp here to help out over the week end. She is bound to return to Adkins. Sunday evening, January 26, meeting at First Unitarian Church, she gave birth to the first twin of a pair born here on the anniversary. Her son, George Marguerite and Charles Edward, were born January 26, at 7:45 p.m., and the other at 8:15. Mrs. Ruth Perkins was assisted in each birth by Rev. Dr. Roseland.

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BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

NEW BOY SCOUT BADGE

Billed, crippled and otherwise physically handicapped boy scouts who have not been eligible to work for Merit badges because of their disabilities prevented them from fulfilling the requirements for second class rank and for first class rank, whence the scout is permitted to enter the fascinating Merit badge field, will be heartened in their advance in scouting by the recent decision of the executive board of the national council to create an Achievement badge for physically handicapped scouts in recognition of certain requirements. The badge will permit them to take up with modification any of the 63 Merit badge subjects, which range from aviation to zoology and include such other subjects of boy interest as radio, wood craft, electricity, tracking, trailing, swimming, pacing, etc.

The present decision nowise moderates or lowers the regularly prescribed standards of scouting; it rather represents a means by which physically disabled scouts may be encouraged to maximum achievement.

To qualify for the Achievement badge, the scout will proceed as for second and first class rank, except that he shall also present a written application signed by a registered physician, addressed to the local court of honor, explaining the apparent physical disability which makes it impossible for him to meet the prescribed requirements.

It is further recommended that scouts making application for the new Achievement badge be encouraged to exercise their own initiative and judgment in devising and passing some test within their physical capacity as evidence of their scout spirit and their eagerness to develop to the fullest their abilities.

The Achievement badge is to be in both metal and cloth. The cloth badge is to be worn on the sleeve with any Merit badge subsequently awarded.

Because of the many appealing cases of deserving and efficient scouts, displaying in their daily lives highest ideals of scouting, but who because of physical handicaps have been hindered in official advancement in rank, the organization after special and sympathetic consideration has arrived at the foregoing decision.

BOY SCOUT, HEALTH WORKER

A garbage can became the unusual theme for special appreciation of the scout spirit in a recent account by the New York Mail, of a scout good turn.

A lady of the tenements, relating the incident, says: "Yesterday morning the bell rang at 7 when I answered there stood a little fellow in a brown suit with a colored handkerchief round his neck. 'Say,' he says, 'you got a garbage pail out on the curb that's slopping over, without cover on it. You ought to have a larger one.' Well, I told the kid that we didn't have any too much money, and what we did have didn't go to buy garbage pails every time some fresh kid wanted us to. 'But you see,' he says, 'I'm a boy scout and I'm trying to win a Merit badge in public health. Now that pail of yours is open so the flies can get into it; then they fly straight into your house and walk all over the stuff you eat with their dirty feet. Besides, it's against the law.'

"I'm sorry," I says, "but I have no money to get one." He looked at me a minute without saying a word and then went off. This morning the bell rang again, and there stood the kid holding that new pail in his hand. 'Here,' he says, showing it at me, 'the fellows in my troop want me to give this to you. We all chipped in and got it.' Then he got all red in the face, saluted and ran away.

"God bless the kid. If all those boys scouts is like that, there's all right."

SCOUT GOOD TURNS NUMEROUS

"Each boy scout is pledged to do a good deed daily, and to help make good deeds in others more attractive to the very poor. In fact, a total of half a million scouts and 100,000 perform an act of spontaneous kindness without a thought of a return. Doing this would be quite a great task if there were nothing more. The earnestness with which young men join the boy scout organization and the loyalty with which they uphold the moral banner, are testimony to one of the remarkable social achievements of recent years." Post-Tribune (Wash.) Leader.

"A SCOUT IS BRAVE"

The tenth annual law "A Scout Is Brave" was a touching tale illustration in a story reported from a Pittsburgh hospital. As the name was bringing a twelve year old boy patient out of the anesthesia after a successful operation, she found lying in the path of the bed a right hand a strip of crumpled paper. Blowing away the scrap to see if it had any bearing on the boy's welfare, she read the words, scrawled in a bold hand: "A Scout is Brave."

RUMFORD
Members of the Joseph Colby Post, G. A. R., of Rumford have planned for the Memorial Day services to be held this year at Rumford Centre. The Willing Workers will serve dinner at the Orange Hall, and it is reported that a good speaker has been secured.

The death of Mrs. Delvina LaPlante occurred recently, and services were held at St. John's Church, the Rev. Fr. Boivin officiating assisted by Rev. Fr. Haye and Rev. Fr. Glaviano. Mrs. LaPlante had been a resident of Rumford for the past thirteen years, and was fifty years of age. Surviving are her husband, Napoleon LaPlante, and two daughters, Mrs. LaBell and Mrs. Peter Laliberte.

Mrs. O. A. Pettengill is in New York

on a business trip.

Harold G. Noyes, principal of Rumford's evening school, was one of the speakers at the recent sessions of the first conference of principals of evening schools and Americanization schools in Maine which was held in Augusta at the State House. The conference was under the direction of the vocational educational division. Mr. Noyes' subject was, "Uniform Records."

Mrs. Amy Lyon, who now serves the town efficiently as Town Treasurer, has announced her candidacy as Town Clerk. Mrs. Lucille Cullen, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election.

Dr. Philip Gauthier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauthier of Congress Street, who since his graduation from the Philadelphia Dental College last June has been practicing in Milo, Me., is now to come to Rumford to practice his profession, having secured an office in the Stratigraphy building.

Word has reached town of the death of Miss Lila Carle's mother which recently occurred in Woodland. The death of brother occurred a day after, and a double funeral for mother and son was held. Miss Carle has many friends in town where she was employed before leaving to train as a nurse in the Providence, R. I., Hospital about a year and a half ago. She was called to her home in Woodland by the illness of her mother, whom she has cared for during her illness.

Mrs. Claude Gilpatrick and two children of Milton, Vt., are guests at the home of her mother, Dr. Laura P. Noyes, of Larchmont Road.

For some years past there has been no mail carrier on the Maine Central train from Oquossoc to Rumford, mail being closed from Rumford, and causing at least a day's delay in the receipt of mail here, when in the ordinary course of events it should have been delivered within three hours from the time it left Oquossoc. Because this was causing great inconvenience to both Rumford merchants and the people in the lake districts, a group of business men from Rumford have taken this matter up with the proper authorities who have recommended that such a clerk be appointed. If this measure goes through it should, the clerk will probably assume his duties sometime in May.

Miss Josephine West of Rumford and Frederick Michaud of Brunswick were united in marriage recently by Rev. H. H. Bishop at Brunswick, the double ring service being used. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Worth of Auburn. Following the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. George Lyon in Brunswick assisted by Mrs. Mattie E. Worth of Rumford. The newly married couple will reside in Brunswick.

Marguerite, nine year old daughter of Mrs. George Phillips of Upton Hill, is making a good recovery from an operation performed at the McCarthy Hospital.

Miss Alice Hubbard has accepted a position with the Taylor Center Company in town.

Mrs. Sarah Grant of the Fashion Studio is visiting relatives in New York for a few weeks.

Extensive alterations are to be made

to the property of Joseph Brown at the corner of Waldo Street and Oxford Avenue. At the present time the contractors are busy extending the rear from the corner store to the store front now occupied by the Hamill Jewelry

Company as a branch store. The building occupied by Maya's Cash Market on Waldo Street and owned by Mr. M. J. Brooks, is to be thoroughly renovated, and the work on same is expected to be started within a few weeks.

The Talbot Grocery Store in the Virginia District has been purchased by David S. Cogan. Mr. Cogan, although a native of Portland, Oregon, has been in Maine for some time, having been associated with his brother in the grocery business in Bath. He recently married Miss Anna Arik, the daughter of Rev. Mr. Arik.

The question of debate among the secondary schools of Maine in the Bates Debating League this spring will be:

"Resolved—That the United States should join the League of Nations."

The preliminaries are to be held on the second Friday in March and the final on the second Friday in April. Rumford High School will debate the Livermore Falls High debating team at Livermore Falls, and the South Paris High team will come to Rumford to debate with Rumford High School.

The Democratic ticket of Rumford at a recent caucus elected the following officers: Chairman, Peter McDonald; vice chairman, Mrs. Annie McMenamin; Secretary, Miss Judith Beliveau; Treasurer, Henry Perry; Agent, William Cyr. The delegates to the State convention are as follows: B. L. Melcher,

Peter McDonald, Henry Perry, A. J. Marle, Judge Matthew McCarthy, Albert Beliveau, Eugene Filianit, Mrs. Annie McMenamin, Miss Bessie McMenamin, Mrs. Ethel Caron, Miss Arisime Cyr, and Dr. Laura F. Noyes.

The presidents of the Ladies' Aid of the Universal Church for April are Mrs. George Hutchins and Mrs. Charles Howe, who have issued to the parish members, church calendars. These bear a picture of the church, and 12 holiday spaces, the latter to be filled with dimes. These cards when filled, are to be returned on the Tuesday after Easter, and the contents of the whole to be used for worthy cause.

At a recent meeting of the National Honor Society of Rumford High School the following officers were elected: President, Annie McShane; Vice President, Emerson Symmes; Secretary, Evelyn McDonald; Treasurer, Nellie Dennis.

Judge A. E. Stearns of Rumford is prominently talked of to succeed Congressman Wallace White, although Mr. Stearns has not as yet given any definite answer as to whether he is a candidate or not. He states that he has arrived at no definite decision and has nothing to say now. However, the voters of Oxford County and especially of his residential town would like to see him enter the race.

One of the most noteworthy events that has occurred in Rumford for years was the public reception and banquet of the Rumford Merchants Association at Hotel Rumford recently at which Mr. Hugh J. Chisholm was the guest of honor. Ninety-seven business and professional men of the town were present. It is safe to say that more real facts concerning Rumford, its growth and development were learned, and more genuine enthusiasm and inspiration gained than has been the fruit of any public gathering ever before held in Rumford.

Mr. Chisholm was much pleased by the cooperation and the desire to aid him in Rumford's development. Mr. Chisholm gave the men present some exceedingly

interesting facts concerning the Oxford Paper Co., and the Rumford Falls Realty Company, which no one excepting himself would have been in a position to give. He advanced facts and figures that the people of Rumford might be fully informed, and gain a more thorough understanding of our wondrous industries here. Dr. Brooks, president of the Association, extended the welcome, and Dana York acted as a most able and witty toastmaster. Leroy E. Williams, Superintendent of Schools, was the principal speaker of the evening for the Merchants Association, others in attendance giving short addresses.

Rumford is really to have a new theatre, one that will be modern in every respect, with a capacity for seating over 1000 people. The matter was

definitely settled when the business and professional men of Rumford raised \$85,000,

the amount necessary to complete the deal. Mr. Hugh J. Chisholm, as previously stated, made a donation of \$6000,

and this amount, together with the investing of \$65,000 by the Maine and New Hampshire Theatre Companies has made the new theatre for Rumford possible.

According to Mr. William P. Gray, the General Manager of the Maine and New Hampshire Theatre Company, work on the erection of the new theatre will be started early this spring. The new theatre will be located on Congress Street, on the lots adjoining the new Hanson block.

Mr. Harry S. Coke has again presented the Rumford Public Library with a subscription to the International Studio Magazine for another year. This is a gift of unusual value, and has been much enjoyed this past year.

Rumford's first winter carnival, held on Monday and Tuesday of last week, was most happily greeted with the finest of weather, which of course was one of the main features in making the event the grand success that it proved to be. Famous skaters and skiers were here to take part. The United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association of which the Chisholm Ski Club of Rumford is a member, was represented by four of its member clubs. Six driving clubs of Maine sent their horses to take part in the program of races arranged by the Rumford Driving Club and held on the Androscoggin speedway. A series of ski and skating races for the school children of Rumford and Mexico featured both days of the carnival, and a carnival ball was held the first evening of the event. Rumford's winter playground includes a large ski jump, a toboggan slide, a smaller ski slide and jump for the children and an ice ring. The ski slide, built in compliance with the specifications of the Amateur Ski Association is built on a hill about 750 feet in length, the landing space being 220 feet. The drop from top to bottom measures perpendicular 250 feet. The jump is on a natural hill facing east, and the slope is the shadow most of the day, making the snow fast under most unfavorable conditions. The Nansen Ski Club of Berlin sent six representatives, of whom one was famous Bing Anderson. Gunnar Michelson of New Hampshire

State University, National Amateur International Ski champion, was also here. Eric Holt, trick ski jumper of the Berlin carnival, did some special jumping stunts. Trophies for the winners of the ski events as well as appropriate prizes for the school children events were offered.

Flint Sorenson, one of our Rumford boys, proved himself an adept on skis, and was much admired by the spectators in his stunts. Many novelty events featured the two days program, there being hockey games, a Boy Scout race, and some special jumping stunts.

The King's Daughters meet this Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Harry Thomas.

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GILEAD
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson of Gorham, N. H., were guests of relatives in town Sunday.

Edward Holder was in Berlin, N. H., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arenburg are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Beatrice Taylor of Bethel was a recent guest of her sister, Marion Taylor.

Goodwin Cole has completed his duties at Leighton's mill.

Marjorie Cole of Auburn was a week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole.

Jeffrey Losier and William Shorey spent the week end in Berlin, N. H.

Miss Evelyn Olson of Berlin, N. H., was in town recently.

Mrs. Marion Norton and children went to Portland last Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Bryant was a recent visitor in Berlin, N. H.

George Daniels and daughters, Francis and Lella, spent the week end in Norton Mills, Vt., the guests of Miss Harriet Daniels.

Archie Pouer returned from a ten day trip to Lewiston, Friday.

Mr. Fred Bartlett has been very ill with heart trouble. Dr. McCarty of Rumford and Dr. Somerville were called in consultation Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Marion has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Knapp, of Roxbury.

There were no services at the Congregational Church, Sunday morning on account of the severe weather.

Miss Doris Jones, who teaches at So. Andover, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thorston, Saturday and Sunday.

Cabot Lodge, K. of P., held their annual ball in the hall Friday evening.

Feb. 22, with a good company present. The Pythian Sisters served a most delicious supper consisting of mashed potatoes, cold meats, hot rolls and pastry. A fine time was reported.

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ANDOVER

Lone Alt. Grange met Saturday for an all day meeting and the Lecturer's program was given as follows:

Song, Grange Reading, Mrs. Corn Akers Reading, Mrs. J. L. Bailey

Music, Mrs. Sylvanus Poor Washington and his Family by members of the Grange

Music, Mrs. Poor Roll Call, each member naming his or her birthday and for what it ex-

celled.

A number of young people attended the carnival at Rumford and reported a fine time.

Omar Spidell fell from his skis while on his way to Rumford and broke his arm. He was immediately taken there where the arm was set and he returned on the stage.

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VIOLA GWYN

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SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE:—Kenneth Gwynne was nine years old in the spring of 1812 when his father ran away from Kenneth Carter, a widow. Kenneth took with him his wife, Rachel's baby daughter. In the fall Kenneth's mother died of a broken heart. His grandparents brought him up to have the name of Rachel Carter, "an evil woman."

CHAPTER I:—Kenneth, now a young man, was looking for a night at the farm of Phineas Stricker, Lafayette, Ind. It appears that Ken's father has recently died and that he is in search of land to live on. Strickers bought their farm of Ken's father and a mortgage runs to his favor. His name is Stricker Carter. A beautiful nineteen-year-old girl, who says she knew his father well, and refused to give her name, is visiting with Strickers. Ken is much interested in her.

CHAPTER II:—In the morning the girl is gone. Stricker tells Ken she was probably with his wife, Viola Lapelle, and her mother came in the night and took her home. As Ken goes on his way Stricker tells him: "That girl was Viola Gwynn an' she's your half-sister."

CHAPTER III:—A handsome, dashing young fellow rides up and introduces himself as Barry Lapelle.

CHAPTER IV:—Isaac Stiles, a farmer, gives Ken a message from Viola to tell as soon as he reaches Lafayette.

CHAPTER V:—At Lafayette Ken sees his lawyer, Cornell, and the recorder, Becker. It appears that the will of Phoebe Gwynn, formerly known as Robert Gwynne, left an extensive property between Ken and Rachel Gwynn. Viola is not mentioned, but is decided not to contest.

CHAPTER VI:—Ken calls at Viola's home and finds Rachel buried in Viola. Rachel reviews the past, which nobody seems to know. Rachel tells him that Viola is his father's daughter, but Minda, her own daughter by her first husband that Viola believes her. She puts Viola's picture in his hands. Ken tells her he does not make war on women.

CHAPTER VII:—Ken and Viola meet and quarrel.

CHAPTER VIII:—Viola tells her mother she is going to marry Lapelle. Ken says he wants her for his money and tells her she will disinherit her.

CHAPTER IX:—Ken meets Viola with Lapelle. They make up and go to a general store. He realizes he is in love with her and bound hand and foot by the double secret of mother and daughter. She has given up all hope of getting away. Minda tells him that Lapelle is plotting to keep him in chains.

CHAPTER X:—Ken resolves to stay in Lafayette, moves into a house and gets an office. Viola calls on Ken and volunteers to help him in furnishing his new home, close to her own, to be a charmer.

CHAPTER XI:—Lapelle has gone to New York. Ken tells Rachel he is in an appearance and says he knows all about her. She is hidden away in the cabin of Hawk, a desperate crook of Lapelle.

CHAPTER XII:—Lapelle returns. He has been drinking. He and Viola quarrel. Viola tells Lapelle she is leaving him. She is determined to get away.

CHAPTER XIII:—Viola realizes that her love for him is not that of a sister. Rachel says, "You are in love with her." Ken admits it. "Would you marry her?" asks Rachel. "She is very good, but the reality?" Ken says he would. Then he adds she was never married to Ken's father.

"Love is a wonderful thing, Kenneth," she said slowly. "It is the most powerful force in all the world. It overcomes reason, it crushes the courage. It makes strong men weak and weak men strong. For love always will give her honor, for love always will bring her chance for everlastings. It knows no fear, it has no religion. It serves no God, but me, my girl, Kenneth. She is the daughter of the woman you despise. The daughter of one who will end her love for her greater strength. And she is the daughter of that son of mine who was nothing more than a wanton. Still, Viola was not to blame for that. That could never be held against her."

"What have you told me all this?" he asked bluntly. "I had no means of learning that you were never married to my father. There was never a question about it in my mind, nor in anybody else's, so far as I know. You have put a very dangerous weapon in my hand. In case I should choose to use it against you."

"She was silent for a long time, struggling with herself. He could almost feel the battle that was going on within her. Somehow it appalled him.

She stood before him, looking down. "I have at last obeyed a command imposed by Robert Gwynne when he was on his deathbed. Almost his last

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"Your love for her—though unrequited—aye, even though she became embittered toward you because of what happened years ago—you love her enough to stand aside and allow her to hold what I shall leave to her."

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"He gave a short, bitter laugh. "But who is going to tell her that, may I ask, Rachel Carter?"

"She sank wearily into a chair. "I will put it this way, Kenneth," she said. "Would you ask her to be your wife if the time should ever come when she knew the truth?"

He hesitated a long time. "Will you be kind enough to tell me what your object is in asking me these questions?"

"I want to know whether you are truly in love with her," she replied steadily.

"And if I say that I could not ask her to marry me, would that prove anything?"

"Yes. It would prove two things. It would prove that you do not love her with all your heart and soul, and it would prove that you are the same kind of man that your father was before he died."

He started. It was the second reason that caused him to look at her curiously. "What do you mean?"

"When you have answered my question, I will answer yours, Kenneth."

"Well," he began, setting his jaw, "to do her enough to ask her to be my wife. But I would ask her as Owen Carter's daughter. And," he added, half-closing his eyes as with pain, "she would refuse to have me. Do you suppose her love would survive the shock of realization? She has a clean heart. She would never marry the son of the man who—who?"

He found himself unable to finish the sentence. A strange, sudden reluctance to hurt his enemy checked the words even as they were being drawn on his lips.

Reluctance due not to compassion, not to consideration but to a certain innate respect for an adversary whose back is to the wall and yet faces unequal odds without a sign of shrinking.

"Shall I say it for you?" she asked in a cold, level voice. But she had winced, despite her iron control.

"It is not necessary," said he, embarrassed.

"In any case," she said, with a slight smile, "you have answered my question. If you could do this for my girl I am sure of your love for her. There could be no greater test. I shall take a little more time before answering your question, Kenneth, the time may come—I feel that it is sure to come, when Viola will learn the truth about herself and me—and you, as well. I feel it in my bones. It may not come till after I am dead. But no matter when it comes, I want to feel sure now—tonight, Kenneth—that you will never undertake to deprive her of the lands and money I shall leave to her."

He stared at her in astonishment. "What is this you are saying?" She slowly repeated the words. "Why, how could I dispossess her? It is yours to beneath you as you see fit, madam. Do you think I am a mercenary scoundrel, that I would try to take it away from her? I know she is not my father's daughter, but—why, good heaven, I would never dream of fighting for what you?"

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He was still somewhat stupefied. The disclosure was so unexpected, so utterly at odds with all his understanding that he could not wholly grasp its significance. Somewhat foolishly he burst out:

"But surely you must have demanded—I mean, did you never ask him to marry you?"

Her eyebrows went up slightly.

"How could I?" she inquired, as it surprised her by the question. "I had not quite so low in my own estimation as that, Kenneth Gwynne. My bed was made the day I went away with him. Some day you may realize that even such as I may possess the thing called pride. Not! I would have died rather than ask him to marry me. I chose my course with my eyes open. It was not for me to demand more than I gave. He was not a free man when I went to him. He made no promises, nor did I exact any."

She spoke in the most matter-of-fact way. He regarded her in sheer wonder.

"But he should have made you his wife," he exclaimed, his sense of fairness rising above the bitter antipathy he felt toward her.

"That was for him to decide," she said, calmly. "I respected his feelings in the matter, and still do. He had no right to marry me when we went away together. He did not take me as a wife, Kenneth Gwynne. He took me as a woman. He had a wife. Up to the day he died he looked upon her as his wife. I was his woman. I could never take her place. Not even after she had died in her grave for twenty years. He never forgot her. I see the scorn in your eyes. He does not quite deserve it, Kenneth. After all is

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SUNDAY RIVER
Miles Chapin has two teams heading for Bryant.

Oliver Mathews attended the service at Bethel, Friday and was two votes.

Mrs Harry Williamson was in Bethel, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Crosby, who have been spending two weeks at their farm over, returned to their home in Arling, L. S. Maine, Tuesday.

J. A. Spaulding visited at J. W. Hoyt's, Tuesday.

H. M. Kendall is a little better at this writing.

Roy Bennett and family spent the week end with his parents on Bear River.

LOCKE'S MILLS
Leslie Tibbets was out of town on business Thursday.

Mrs. R. C. Davis of Bryant's Pond visited her son, Owen, and family Friday.

Mrs Mae Martin is in Portland visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. Warren Churchill of Rockland Park was a week end guest of his daughter, Mrs. Donald Tibbets.

N. P. Ray of Norway was in town, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cummings of Portland were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cole.

Charles Hayes of the U. of M. was a Sunday guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. K. Knobell.

Mr. Phillips is away sick at the writing.

Hills Mills

On Saturday, February 24, 1924, the Boston & Maine Railroad Association, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, filed a complaint in the Superior Court of the State of Maine, at Portland, Maine, against the Boston & Maine Railroad Association, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, for damages resulting from an accident on the Boston & Maine Railroad, at Portland, Maine, on January 22, 1924.

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Urinary troubles may set in.

Don't wait longer—take Doan's Pills.

Bethel people tell you how they act.

Ack your neighbor!

Ed. D. Littlefield, prop. auto service,

Maine, Bethel, says: "Some years ago

my kidneys were out of order. I had

been overworking at the time and was

feeling weak and my back was painful,

especially morning. I was dizzy head-

ed and when I slept, black specks ap-

peared before my eyes. My kidneys

were in bad shape. A friend suggested

Doan's Pills so I began using them and

soon had me up in good shape. I

have never had any return of the trou-

ble and recommend Doan's Pills to any-

one in need of a good kidney medi-

cine."

Price 50¢, at all dealers. Don't sim-

ply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's

Pills—the same that Mr. Littlefield had.

Foster-Millers Co., Mrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Spring Street.

Sunday School at 10:30 A. M.

Sunday services at 10:45 A. M.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Walter W. Wolfe, Minister

Church Calendar, March 2:

10:45 A. M.: Devotional service. Sermon topic, "The Trivial," and "The Other."

12:00 Noon: Sunday School. Adult Bible Class conducted by the minister. Topic, "The Vision of Samuel." If you believe in progress, even in religion, and not in darkness theology or primitive superstitions, you should join this class of earnest inquirers after the trials.

7:15 P. M.: Regular devotional meeting for the Y. W. C. U. The minister will give a talk. Topic, "My Experiences in the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania." A social hour will follow.

March 5: The ladies of the Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Mandie Farwell on Railroad Street.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

S. T. Achelis, Minister

Sunday, March 2:

10:45: Worship, the pastor conducting.

12:00: Church School.

7:15: Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. Topic, "What Jesus said about happiness." Leader, Ann Macgraw. Celista Curtis, Edward Carlson.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.

ART. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To choose one member of the School Committee for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To choose the method of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To choose a Tax Collector for year 1924.

ART. 10. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To establish the price the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.

ART. 12. To choose an Auditor for the year 1924.

ART. 13. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for support of common schools for ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuition in secondary schools and overexpenditure.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purchase of text-books for the ensuing year.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the year 1924, and overexpenditure.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for school supplies for ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to maintain schools in the North Bethel and Northwest Bethel districts.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for winter roads and overexpenditure for the winter of 1924.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State-aid as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130, Public Laws of 1919.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote and raise \$600.00 for the improvement of the section of State-aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for care of highways.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote and raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance and patrol of State and State-aid highways during the ensuing year under the provisions of Section 6, Chapter 130, Public Laws of 1919.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$100.00, the same to be spent in conjunction with \$1,000 appropriated by State and \$300.00 by County Commissioners, for repairing Bethel's portion of road near Milton Plantation.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to buy a light auto truck to be used by the Road Commissioner in transporting men and tools, for road work, and raise money for same.

ART. 27. To see if the town at the present time cares to act in conjunction with the State and County in the building of 2 or more cement bridges, one at Alder River on State road, the other at Mill Brook on West Bethel road, and if so, how shall such construction be financed.

ART. 28. To see if the town will accept the street leading from Chapman Street in an easterly direction, some 500 feet in length, toward Vernon Street. [No land damage.]

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote and raise money to build a sewer line from the Springer mill property to Androscoggin River.

ART. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for support of poor for ensuing year.

ART. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers for year 1924.

ART. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for paying town debt and interest.

ART. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day, said money to be expended by Brown Port, G. A. R.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote and raise money to pay Collector's bond for ensuing year.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote and raise money to pay Treasurer's bond for 1924.

ART. 36. To see if the town will authorize the town to hire money if necessary to pay outstanding bills.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$100.00 to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of the books during the coming year for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books.

ART. 38. To see if the town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.

ART. 39. To see if the town will accept the jury list as made by the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$200.00, the same being the town's portion of rent of Hall, room and lodgings for Company of National Guard, to comply with Public Laws, Chapter 18, Sections 93-94 inclusive.

ART. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, 1924

To D. A. Forbes, a citizen of the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING.—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at Odeon Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the third day of March, 1924, at 10